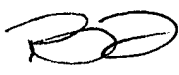In the Claims:

1-2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

receiving data corresponding to an image, the image including a depiction of text;

recognizing at least some of said depicted text;

~~storing said recognized text in a data repository~~; and

encoding a watermark in said image, said watermark serving to associate said image with said ~~data repository~~ <u>recognized text</u>.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3 in which said recognizing includes recognizing by an automated OCR process.

6. (Withdrawn) In a method of building an index to a collection of web pages by reference to text and meta tags found therein, an improvement comprising:

downloading an image from one of said web pages;

decoding a digital watermark from the downloaded image;

through use of said decoded digital watermark, obtaining text associated with said downloaded image; and

augmenting the index in accordance with said obtained text.

7. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 6 in which the decoded digital watermark includes a database reference, and the method includes using said reference to obtain information from an associated database record.

8. (Currently Amended) A method of augmenting image data collected by a security monitoring camera, comprising:

analyzing a frame of image data from said security monitoring camera for text information depicted therein; **and**

~~storing the text information in a data repository~~;

digitally watermarking said image data;

wherein said digital watermark ~~indicates the location of the stored text information in said data repository~~ <u>associates the image data with the text information</u>.

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8 wherein the frame of image data includes a depiction of a vehicle license plate, and said text information comprises text on said license plate.

10. (New) A method comprising:

receiving an electronic document, the document comprising a graphical representation of text, but not including ASCII data corresponding thereto;

analyzing said document for text information using an OCR process; and

digitally watermarking said electronic document;

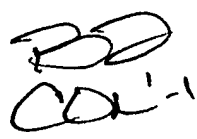wherein said digital watermark associates the electronic document with the text information.

11. (New) The method of claim 10 in which the electronic document comprises FAX data.

12. (New) The method of claim 10 in which the electronic document comprises a PDF document.

13. (New) The method of claim 10 in which receiving an electronic document comprises scanning a paper document on a platen, and producing graphical data corresponding thereto.

14. (New) The method of claim 10 wherein said digital watermark directly encodes the electronic document with at least some of said text information.

15. (New) The method of claim 10 that includes storing the text information in a data repository, and wherein the digital watermark associates the electronic document with said information in the data repository.

16. (New) An apparatus comprising:

a scanner for producing scan data corresponding to an original document;

an OCR engine for recognizing text from said scan data; and

a watermarker that alters an output from said apparatus to encode a watermark therein, the watermark serving to associate said output with said stored text.

17. (New) A photocopier according to claim 16 wherein the output comprises a hardcopy page, and said watermark serves as a pointer to a memory location in which said recognized text is stored.

18. (New) A photocopier according to claim 16, wherein the output comprises a hardcopy page, and said watermark serves to directly encode at least a portion of said recognized text in said output.

19. (New) The method of claim 3 that includes storing said recognized text in a data repository, and wherein said watermark serves as to associate said image with said stored text.

20. (New) The method of claim 3 wherein said watermark serves to directly encode at least a portion of said recognized text in said image.

21. (New) The method of claim 6 in which the decoded digital watermark comprises said text.

22. (New) The method of claim 8 wherein said digital watermark indicates the location of the stored text information in said data repository.